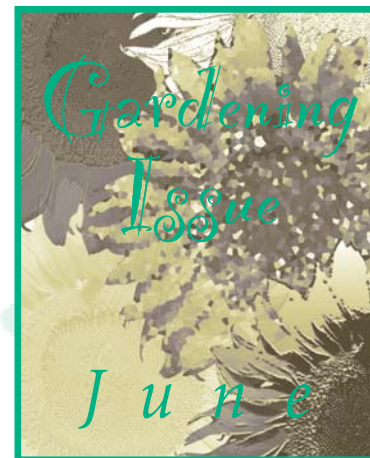


# Access



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## ATLAS Interim Report Released

by Randy Dykhuis, Executive Director, Michigan Library Consortium

The Action Team for Library Advancement Statewide (ATLAS) delivered an interim report to the State Librarian in March. The report highlighted the work done by the committees working on components of the integrated statewide resource sharing system. The full report is posted on the ATLAS Web site at [www.accessmichigan.lib.mi.us/atlas/2002\\_Mar\\_interim\\_report.pdf](http://www.accessmichigan.lib.mi.us/atlas/2002_Mar_interim_report.pdf).

**ILL Policies Committee:** The committee drafted guidelines for interlibrary loan activity among the participants in the resource sharing system. The final draft of the ILL policies document can be found on the ATLAS Web site at [www.accessmichigan.org/atlas/illpoliciesfinal.pdf](http://www.accessmichigan.org/atlas/illpoliciesfinal.pdf). If necessary, additional alterations will be made to the policies.

**Digitization Committee:** The committee submitted a grant proposal to the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) on March 1. The proposal encourages libraries to contribute to a digital collection called The Making of Modern Michigan. It proposes establishing seven regional centers for the purpose of training librarians on the use of digitization technology. Each center would be equipped with scanners and other digitization equipment, which librarians could use for completing their projects. The grant proposal explicitly recognizes that local libraries and other local cultural institutions are best suited to make decisions about which materials should be digitized and how they should be used. This grant is posted on the ATLAS web site at [http://www.accessmichigan.org/atlas/MMM\\_proposal.html](http://www.accessmichigan.org/atlas/MMM_proposal.html).

A second grant was submitted to IMLS on April 1. This grant, entitled The Virtual Artifact Laboratory (VAL), will create an online environment in which 4th grade Michigan students and others can personally and directly interact with historical artifacts. The purpose of VAL is to enhance the curriculum by establishing a Web site that integrates multidimensional imaging, multimedia and text. The Virtual Artifact Laboratory will focus on three themes, which will be featured in *Michigan History for Kids* (published by the Michigan Historical Center): the fur trade, the iron industry and the automobile industry. Approximately 200 items will be digitized over a two-year period.

**Resource Sharing Committee:** The committee began their deliberations believing it was necessary to choose the best model for a union catalog and resource sharing system - a physical union catalog or a linked system catalog. After viewing presentations from vendors, the committee decided it was more important to approach the system's design from the users' point of view rather than choosing a model. This means that the final criteria developed by the committee will not specify a particular form of union catalog but will identify a set of features that will make the system easy to use. There will be a range of participation options, from simply searching the union catalog to fully participating in interlibrary loan. This points to a multi-year implementation process, as more and more libraries purchase systems with these capabilities.



## Notes from the State Librarian



Dear Friends:

I wish to announce the birth of MeL! You might think this is pretty old news, but I'm talking about the NEW MeL \* the *Michigan eLibrary*.

MeL is the new access point for many information resources including the old MEL we know, love and depend on (with librarian-chosen and-organized Web sites) and, the resources formerly known as AccessMichigan and e-books. These will now be housed under the MeL umbrella. This access point will also make room for anticipated additions such as resources and collections from libraries around the state and digitized information.

MeL will be unveiled this month, along with a brand-new means of access. In addition to using local libraries and their Web sites for entrance to the statewide databases, Michigan residents will be able to access these resources through MeL using their driver's licenses or state identification numbers. Privacy is ensured because using the driver's license number for entrance to MeL does not connect in any way to the state driver's license database. This is a real breakthrough in access for Michiganders and one of the first solutions of its kind in the nation. The new MeL lets customers find what they need when they need it, no matter where they are!

When we first discussed creating MeL as a direct gateway, some of you expressed concern over whether it would undermine local libraries' efforts to provide information. I believe MeL is simply an enhancement to the quality service already provided in our local libraries.

Web sites will *never* replace libraries.

My favorite dress shop has a Web site at which you can order the same clothing you can get in the store. I can go online, choose an outfit, order it and have it delivered to my door. But I rarely purchase clothing online because I much prefer to go to the store, see the merchandise, try it on and get suggestions from the helpful staff.

That Web site is great when I'm pressed for time or something I need isn't available locally, but it cannot replace the real thing. The Michigan eLibrary will serve the same purpose: enhance local service for our customers and provide an access point for library non-users.

The new MeL can be reached at the old address of mel.org. You'll be hearing much more about MeL in the near future and we will provide updates surrounding the launch.

So here's to birth, rebirth and enhanced library service!

*Christie*

## Librarian on Broadband Authority Board

Suzanne Dees, Director of the Superiorland Library Cooperative, has been appointed by Governor Engler to the Michigan Broadband Development Authority Board. The Board will govern the operation of the Michigan Broadband Development Authority, a state financing authority that will assist in the build out of high-speed broadband Internet service and infrastructure across the state. The authority, created by Act No. 49 of the Public Acts of 2002, is part of Governor Engler's plan to fully deploy broadband Internet service to all Michigan consumers, schools, libraries and businesses.

Suzanne, whose term expires in December 2004, is the only librarian on the Michigan Broadband Development Authority Board.

## 2003 Rural Library Conference at Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island

Did you know that approximately one million people visited Mackinac Island last year? That Mission Point Resort was named one of America's Top Ten Best Resorts for Families by Parents Magazine? Come see what all the excitement is about at the Rural Library Conference, taking place at Mission Point May 5-7, 2003. The Rural Library Conference Committee is working hard to make this the best conference ever. Information about the arrangements will be coming out soon so you can plan for this great event.

If you're interested in learning more about Mackinac Island, check out [www.mackinac.com](http://www.mackinac.com), and for more information about Mission Point visit [www.missionpoint.com](http://www.missionpoint.com). Both sites have great information about what these attractions have to offer.

If you have any suggestions for the Rural Library Conference, such as speakers or classes, please contact Karrie Waarala, Continuing Education Coordinator at the Library of Michigan, at 517-373-3746 (toll free 888-479-0021) or via email at [kwaarala@michigan.gov](mailto:kwaarala@michigan.gov).

## GATES Evaluation of US Library Program

This spring, public libraries in the state of Michigan will be receiving a request from Professor Andrew Gordon of the University of Washington's School of Public Affairs. Professor Gordon has been conducting an evaluation of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Program for the past 3+ years. He has done extensive surveying of librarians, patrons and communities in Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Florida and Mississippi.

This evaluation is now being extended to 13 other states, including Michigan. Please respond to this survey. As Carol A.

Erickson, International Library Programs Manager for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, says, "The surveying completed thus far has resulted in useful information for the foundation to make improvements in the administration and implementation of the US Library Program, and has yielded fascinating information about the impact of public access computing on libraries, patrons and librarians."

We know that this program has made a difference in library service in Michigan. By participating in the evaluation process you will ensure that your experience is noted, and your suggestions may help the Gates Foundation further refine the process.

## Come Celebrate Michigan's Literary Heritage!

**What:** The Literary Landmark Event for Judge John D. Voelker, a.k.a. Robert Traver

**Where:** Marquette County Courthouse,  
232 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan

**When:** Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

Judge John D. Voelker (1903-1991) plays an important role in Michigan's literary heritage. A former Marquette County judge and the 74<sup>th</sup> Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, Voelker wrote many books under the pseudonym Robert Traver. Voelker's writing reflects two of his passions, law and flyfishing. One of his best-known works, *Anatomy of a Murder*, was made into a motion picture in the late 1950s. The movie, starring Jimmy Stewart, George C. Scott, Lee Remick and Ben Gazzara, received seven Academy Award nominations, including best picture. Because of his ideals and values, John Voelker made many contributions to Michigan which live on today through his writings.

Please join us at the historic Marquette County Courthouse on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> to dedicate the Literary Landmark for John Voelker. The ceremony will include remarks by Voelker's lifelong friend Judge Edward Quinnell and others, readings from Voelker's works and the unveiling of the landmark. Refreshments will be served.

The Peter White Public Library and the Friends of the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, in conjunction with the Michigan Center for the Book, are organizing the ceremony. For more information, please contact Karren Reish, Michigan Center for the Book Coordinator, at (517) 373-3891.

Michigan Center for the Book is a program of the Library of Michigan,  
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<http://libraryofmichigan.org>

## Sue Davidsen to Lead Internet Public Library at the University of Michigan

by Jay Jackson, Editor, University of Michigan School of Information

The University of Michigan School of Information has appointed Sue Davidsen director of its Internet Public Library. Davidsen, who has extensive experience in librarianship on the Internet, served for eight years as director of the Michigan Electronic Library, the state's free online library service. Her virtual library design continues to be used as a model today throughout the world, and she is an advisor and consultant to a number of digital library and portal projects in Michigan and throughout the United States.

Davidsen replaces David S. Carter, who has helped develop the Internet Public Library for the past seven years. She will continue as the School of Information's associate director of academic outreach and practical engagement programs and lecturer in government and business information. Before coming to the School of Information, she was a member of the interface design team at ProQuest in Ann Arbor.

In 1995, Sue Davidsen's extensive experience in developing electronic information resources was recognized with the national Paul W. Thurston Award, which cited her effort to make government information accessible. She has also received the Michigan Library Association's Walter Kaiser Award for bringing innovation to Michigan libraries. The Internet Public Library ([www.ipl.org](http://www.ipl.org)) began as a course project at the school in 1995. The library has since developed into a unique learning laboratory staffed by professional librarians, students and volunteers that attracts more than 1.5 million visitors a month from around the world.



# Celebrate

# FRIENDS OF THE EASTPOINTE MEMORIAL LIBRARY TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL GARDEN



*by Joyce Conte, Director*

The Friends of the Eastpointe Memorial Library have great plans for the patio area outside of the Library Community Room. They plan to renovate, expand and enhance the entire area and establish the Library Memorial Garden.

In late 2000, with the assistance of the Building Department, the Friends established a preliminary plan and budget. The project includes the demolition of the existing fence and plants, the installation of aluminum fence panels with brick pier supports, brick pavers with a stage for story times and other events, irrigation, electrical work, a pond and waterfall, new plantings, lighting and wood park-style benches. Total project cost is estimated at \$60,000.

The Library's hard-working support group intends to raise the entire amount to complete the project through fund-raising efforts. Last year, they launched a letter-writing campaign to the service clubs and businesses in Eastpointe, requesting their support of this project. They ordered and received donation canisters promoting the project to be placed at various businesses in the community. They held several fund-raisers: an ice cream social and bake sale, used video and book sales, an "Attic Treasure" sale and plan to hold these events again this year. So far, they have raised \$13,000 from their various fund-raisers, and an additional \$10,000 in donations from businesses, organizations and individuals in the community.

## The Secret to a Great Garden



*by Ginny Cesarz, Wayne Public Library*

What's the secret to a beautiful, tranquil garden? How do you keep weeds at bay and flowers ever blooming? The secret, at the Wayne Public Library, is Bud Stein. Bud has carefully and thoughtfully planned and planted our lovely garden, generously donating his time to maintain it and continuing to improve it every season. In the spring we all enjoy the vivid daffodils and crocus, while summer brings lush green ferns and bright coral geraniums. In the fall the garden turns to muted shades of green, brown and orange, and the crisp white of winter snow contrasts beautifully with the evergreen ground cover. We are so fortunate to have Bud, who spends many hours planting and weeding to keep this delightful garden fresh and attractive year-round. The garden really reflects his love of nature and skill as a gardener.

Another secret to our garden is the support of the Friends of the Wayne Library, who have provided a water fountain, stone pathway and low voltage lighting that highlights the garden day and night.

Children are also involved in gardening at the Wayne Library. For the past three years the library and the Wayne Garden Club have sponsored the Junior Master Gardeners, a program for children in grades 2-5 that uses fun activities to teach horticulture and environmental science concepts. An element of the program's certification process is community involvement. Children participating in this program, under the leadership of a Master Gardener volunteer from the Michigan State Extension Service, have cleaned, weeded, planted and maintained a section of landscaping outside a large picture window in the children's craft and story-time room. Their efforts have given us a very beautiful view and perhaps planted a seed to inspire a new generation of gardeners like Bud Stein.

The combined efforts of children and adults in our community truly make Wayne Public Library a lovely place to visit.

# Gardening



# Growing Community with Children's Gardens and Public Libraries

*A few words from Karrie Korroch,  
Children's Reference Assistant, East Lansing Public Library*

Are you looking for a wonderful program that will transcend all sorts of boundaries and bring families in your community together for a mutually meaningful experience? Try starting a children's gardening club at your public library! You are bound to find a large, excited audience and great personal rewards.

That is exactly what has happened at the East Lansing Public Library, where we have offered a children's gardening club since February 9, 2000. Our gardening club began as many successful library programs do—with inspiration, hope, good physical resources, motivation, an excellent volunteer and a community need. Its continued success has depended upon all of those factors along with financial support from our Friends (and some club participants), staff support and the continued interest of our community.

The initial idea sprang forth from a conversation I had with Jim Wagner, Master Gardener and volunteer extraordinaire, while looking out the large window in our Children's Room. Our window looks out upon a lovely garden that Jim planned and planted in the spring of 1999 as the community project portion of his Master Gardener certification. As we stood there together, watching the squirrels play and the snow dusting tree branches, Jim and I simultaneously stated our interest in setting up a library program that would allow community children to become involved in interacting with, and caring for, the garden.

This burst of enthusiasm emerged into a full-fledged program that focuses upon using library resources to learn about all sorts of gardening, encouraging children to create and care for aesthetically pleasing public spaces, modeling volunteerism, appealing to girls *and* boys ages four to nine, and learning how the growth of gardens with rich soil and quality plants is similar to the growth of minds with rich literature and quality information.

Although our gardening club once met monthly, we now meet bimonthly to better use resources. We meet year round because one of our goals is to show children how beautiful and interesting a garden can be at every stage of its life cycle. We cover a wide range of subjects from garden creatures, composting, topiary, water features, and rock gardens to natural ways to deal with less than pleasant plant pests. Our favorite topics have included pumpkins, valentines for the birds, ice sculptures, and May Day, but any topic that relates to growing gardens and can highlight library resources is of interest to us.

Registration is always full, with a waiting list, and

usually 40-45 children attend each meeting. Included are the "regulars" who have not missed a meeting for two years and new families who have never been to the library before. A five-year-old boy once told his father and me, "This is the best fun I ever had *in my whole life!*"

Our meetings have become a special time for parents and children to spend together. The two-hour meetings include storytelling, experiments, crafts, cooking projects, demonstrations, exposure to library materials and games, as well as digging in and cleaning up the garden outside. Parents appreciate being able to bring older and younger siblings to the same program, the variety of activities, the staff's enthusiasm, the education in using library materials effectively, and the incorporation of science, art, literature, and music into a central theme.

Mr. Wagner and I are ambitious planners and love every moment of what we do. However, we would encourage anyone who wishes to try a gardening club to start small and build on what you feel comfortable doing. You will discover what works best for you and your community. If you do not have a space to formally devote to a children's garden, try creating gardens in pots and window boxes. Most communities have an abundance of gardeners who would love to help with such an effort, if invited, and your local county extension office would be happy to provide information about Master Gardeners looking for projects in your area or how to become a Master Gardener yourself.

For information about Master Gardener programs anywhere in the United States, and all over the world, visit [www.mastergardeners.com](http://www.mastergardeners.com). For more information about starting a gardening project at your library, activities for children, and basic gardening practices, visit the East Lansing Public Library's website at [www.elpl.org](http://www.elpl.org). The Children's Gardening Club page is currently under construction and will be ready to provide answers to many common questions beginning August 1, 2002. So, dig in and get started!



# Web Site-ings

by Lucy Roehrig, Library of Michigan Reference Librarian & Knowledge Seeker

All Organic Links- Gardening  
<http://www.allorganiclinks.com/Gardening/>

Backyard Organic Gardening  
<http://www.backyardorganicgardening.com/contents.html>

Department of Natural Resources  
[http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/wildlife/landowners\\_guide/Habitat\\_Mgmt/Backyard/index.htm](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/wildlife/landowners_guide/Habitat_Mgmt/Backyard/index.htm)

Garden & Hearth Magazine  
<http://www.gardenandhearth.com>

National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
<http://www.gardenclub.org>

Gardening in Detroit links  
<http://detroit.about.com/cs/gardening/>

Kindergarden  
<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/kindergarten/kinder.htm>

Librarians' Index to the Internet- Gardening links  
<http://www.lii.org/search/file/garden>

Michigan Electronic Library-  
Gardens and Lawns  
<http://www.mel.org/reference/REF-gardens.html>

Horticulture & Gardening  
<http://mel.org/science/hortind.html>

Organic Gardening & Composting  
<http://mel.org/science/organic.html>

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, MSU  
<http://4hgarden.msu.edu/main.html>

Michigan School of Gardening  
<http://www.michigangardening.com/>

National Gardening Association  
<http://www.garden.org/>  
North American Rock Garden Society  
<http://www.nargs.org/>

Organic Consumers Association  
<http://www.organicconsumers.org/>

Plant Facts - Ohio State University  
<http://plantfacts.ohio-state.edu/>

Royal Horticultural Society  
<http://www.rhs.org.uk/>

Seeds of Change Garden (sponsored by the Smithsonian)  
<http://www.mnh.si.edu/garden/>

Wildflower Association of Michigan  
<http://www.wildflowersmich.org/index.htm>

WWW Virtual Library - Gardening Links  
<http://www.gardenweb.com/vl/>

## Where Do I Vote: A New Online Tool for Michigan Citizens

by Debbie Gallagher, MEL Selector

Your job at the reference desk will be a little easier for the November 2002 elections, thanks to a new online service the Secretary of State will roll out this summer. According to Tim Hanson of the Bureau of Elections, if all goes as planned, citizens will be able to type in their name and find the following information:

- their polling location
- a map to the polling location
- what type of voting equipment they will use
- a tutorial on using that equipment
- a Candidate Guide for their voting district

The information is based on the QVF, Qualified Voter File, which is compiled by the Secretary of State from data provided by local elections offices. The Michigan Bureau of Elections will combine QVF with GIS data and other existing files like the Candidate Guide to create a one-stop-shopping site for citizens.

I asked Mr. Hanson what happens if there is more than one voter with the same name. He said that, although they haven't finalized the interface yet, the plan is to have a results list that gives the unique street name for each entry. The database will not give street addresses – just street names. Patrons (and librarians) can be assured that the information displayed on the screen will be specific enough to provide the citizen with needed information but be generic enough to prevent disclosure of unwarranted information.

Watch michlib-l for the rollout announcement and MEL for quick links to the site.

## Selling Donations and Weeded Items on the Internet: *librarybooksales.org*

by Tim Watters, Cataloger

Would you like to expand the range of potential customers for your library's book sales? Would you like to sell your weeded items and donations for their true worth rather than having one-size-fits-all prices? Then you may want to investigate this Web site: <http://www.librarybooksales.org>. Originally created by the California State Library to assist rural libraries in that state with fundraising, the project is now nationwide and funded by a 10% commission based on the selling price of each book. There is no limit to the number of books that may be entered into the database, and pull-down menus make data entry easier. If a book buyer selects your copy for purchase, you will be sent an e-mail notifying you to "hold" the book. The e-mail message also serves as your shipping label, which you save until you receive the payment. Once you get the check or money order, you go ahead and ship the book. Librarybooksales.org will send your library a consolidated statement via e-mail requesting payment based on the 10% commissions for each book sold.

According to the terms and conditions section of the Web site, membership is limited to: "Any public library which is chartered by the state, county or municipality within the region it serves, or any affiliated group which exists for the purpose of supporting the library with its fund raising efforts." Friends of the library groups are eligible to join. The purpose of the Web site, according to *librarybooksales.org*, is to match quality books, which have been donated to public libraries, with readers around the world while providing a central meeting place for Friends and other library groups. "The site will allow for the open exchange of ideas, a calendar of events and an on-line forum. For the first time, volunteer library groups can share tips on how to sell books, learn the finer points of antiquarian books and communicate with other groups anywhere," states the Web site.

Signup on *librarybooksales.org* only takes about 2 minutes. The site includes hundreds of tips, suggestions and FAQs about selling used books, a chat room for members, and soon to come — video clips on how to evaluate books, wrap them for shipment and more. As of this writing, libraries using this service are located in California, Illinois, Montana, New Jersey and Texas. For more information, go to the Web site or contact Steve Mauer, library book sales project consultant, at [dmauer@librarybooksales.org](mailto:dmauer@librarybooksales.org).

*librarybooksales.org*

## Trustees Corner June 2002

by Dragomir Cosanici, Library Law Specialist

### E-MAIL PRIVACY

Computers and the Internet are rapidly transforming all facets of the contemporary American life, including the virtual landscape of libraries. Many libraries are offering an array of Internet services to their staff and patrons. Most Michigan libraries with Internet access have empowered users to easily and cheaply utilize electronic mail (e-mail). This phenomenon coupled with an increased awareness of individual rights has given rise to many questions regarding e-mail privacy and monitoring. Where do we stand today on e-mail privacy?

The laws directly applicable to e-mail privacy are federal and state wiretapping statutes. On the federal level, the Wiretap Act [18 U.S.C. §§ 2510-2522 (1994)], as amended by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986 (ECPA) [Pub. L. No. 99-508, 100 Stat. 1848 (1986)], prohibits the interception, recording and disclosure of "any wire, oral, or electronic communication" unless one of the parties to the communication, implicitly or explicitly, consents. The Stored Communications Act [10 U.S.C. § 2702(b)(3) (1994)] similarly requires consent of either the sender or the receiver of e-mail messages before a stored message may be accessed.

There are no reported cases defining consent in the e-mail context. Nevertheless, some have concluded that since consent may be explicit (such as a signed agreement) or implicit (such as a library notifying its employees through its employee handbook or patrons through its Internet use policy), e-mail messages could be monitored. Although most state wiretapping statutes are modeled on the federal law, Michigan statutes afford its Michigan e-mail users more protections than the federal model.

Federal preemption does not apply in states such as Michigan that have enacted their own statutes providing users more protection than the federal wiretapping laws. (S. Rep. No. 1097, 90<sup>th</sup> Cong, 2d Session, *reprinted in* 1968 U.S.C.C.A.N. 2112, 2187). The emerging law is that for cases involving e-mail, state jurisdiction may be exercised when e-mail is intentionally targeted to recipients in a specific state.

The Michigan wiretapping statute requires that all parties to the communication must agree to the monitoring for communication interceptions to be legal. See, e.g., MCL § 750.539c. There are notable exceptions such as legal surveillance by a state police office or federal official while in the performance of that official's duties, and interception of communication as long as it is done in the ordinary course of business routinely conducted with a valid business purpose at its core. See, e.g., MCL § 750.539g.

E-mail privacy rights continue to evolve in this state and throughout the United States. The Library of Michigan continues to be committed to keeping the Michigan library community abreast of the newest developments in the areas of library privacy. Look for more information in future issues of *Access* announcements on *michlib-l* and from your library cooperatives.

# The History of Culture: Dr. Joseph L. Druse

by Sarah D. Watkins, Executive Director, Library of Michigan Foundation

Joe Druse is a Michigan State University Emeritus Professor of Humanities, however, that is just a morsel of the feast that is Joseph L. Druse, Ph.D. Dr. Druse received his Ph.D. in the History of Culture from the University of Chicago in 1955. He then spent 26 years as a Professor of Humanities and History at Michigan State University. That was 22 busy years ago.

Joe Druse isn't one to rest on his laurels, not for a minute. His current projects alone are enough to make most of us cry for relief. He is in the last stages of researching and preparing final documentation of *American Ancestries of the Michigan Governors and Their Wives*. He is also working on five other ambitious genealogical research projects in various stages of completion: *First Five Generations of Descendants of Dr. Richard Palgrave*; *Supplement to Marshall, Whittmore, Barrow Bibliographies*; *Collection of Immigrants with Royal Lineage*; *Supplement to the Cutter Index*; and, *Lost Lineage Index*.

Born in Racine, Wisconsin more than a couple of years ago, Dr. Druse began his genealogical research at the impressionable age of 10; he used the Encyclopedia Britannica for his first research. This early infatuation blossomed into a lifetime love. He became the co-founder and first president of the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society. He is also a founding member of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society; a founding member and president of the Greater Lansing Historical Society; a member of the Michigan Genealogical Council; and a member of more than 20 genealogical societies in America, England and Ireland.

"He's a great guy. He really doesn't need much help from us because he is so knowledgeable himself. He sometimes helps other patrons, but when he's here he's busy working on genealogical research. He's donated many valuable books and magazines over the years to help people with their family history work," says Charles Hagler, Librarian at the Library of Michigan, of Dr. Druse.

Rich Lucas, a reference librarian who has been with the Library of Michigan for 30 years and has known Joe for more than 25, says: "He's an amazing man. Have you ever seen his home library? It's remarkable. He has beautifully reproduced art books, great books on the medieval period, thousands of index cards of his research. It's truly astounding."

In September of 1999, Dr. Druse established the Joseph L. Druse Endowed Fund for British Genealogy. The fund agreement states: "Genealogy has been a life long passion of Joseph Druse. When he came to Michigan in 1954, he was delighted to discover the genealogical collection of the Michigan State Library. Since that time he has spent countless hours of pleasure in the collection. The purpose of the fund is to enhance the resources of the Library in British genealogy, a special interest of the donor."

Dr. Druse has established a planned gift to the Library of Michigan Foundation to benefit the Library of Michigan. He will leave a portion of his estate to ensure that the work and research that he values so greatly and has invested so much of his time and knowledge in developing will live on.

In October of last year, Dr. Druse received the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award, established in 1992 by the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society to honor Lucy Mary Kellogg, a nationally recognized genealogist and founding member of the society. Recipients of the award must be Michigan residents, have served in a leadership role in a Michigan genealogical or historical organization, accomplished major research, authored or contributed to a notable publication, made a significant contribution to the genealogical or historical benefit of their community, and have furthered the knowledge of genealogy through educational practices. These are difficult criteria to meet (5 of the 8 must be met to receive the award), but Dr. Druse easily filled the bill with his sterling list of accomplishments.

If you know Joe Druse, consider yourself fortunate indeed. A cordial, kind and respectful man of culture and letters, he speaks quietly but knowledgeably on a vast number of topics. He says that he has enjoyed his work, and it's easy to see that he still does.

## Abrams Collection Genealogy Highlights

by Charles Hagler, Librarian

One way to learn more about the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection and the Michigan and Michigan Documents Collections at the Library of Michigan is by browsing Abrams Collection Genealogy Highlights. Find out what we have in the way of African-American, Irish, Native American and German genealogical resources. Learn more about our maps, vital records, Michigan documents and military records. Explore genealogy on the Internet, family history for kids, or our Ontario, Canada resources.

*Abrams Collection Genealogy Highlights*, a joint publication of the Library of Michigan Foundation and Library of Michigan Public Services/Division Special Collections Services, is available through the mail and on the Library of Michigan Web site at [www.libraryofmichigan.org](http://www.libraryofmichigan.org). This free periodical was first published in 1999 to inform researchers

about the Library's genealogy and local history collections. Published six times a year, it covers genealogical and historical topics, providing keyword search strategies to help you search on ANSWER, the library's online catalog. The publication also gives bibliographic information for selected titles in our collection and includes examples of Internet sites that relate to the topic highlighted for that issue.

This year we have published "Research In The Old Northwest" and "A House Divided: Michigan Civil War Research." You can locate these and previous issues at <http://www.libraryofmichigan.org> go to the Quick Reference box scroll down to either Genealogy or Publication, then click on **Abrams Collection Genealogy Highlights**.

Future topics include naturalization resources, French Canadian genealogy, searching Ancestry's and ProQuest's genealogical databases and Polish genealogy. To subscribe to this free publication simply fill the online form at

<http://libraryofmichigan.org/genealogy/geneform.html>.



# Getting Connected in Michigan

by Molly Dwyer, Library Research Analyst

How do you demonstrate the value of a library? How can you find out if your library is keeping up with the trends in information resources or illustrate your need for increased staff? The Library of Michigan, recognizing that libraries need to answer these questions and more, now offers Bibliostat™ Connect as a solution. Bibliostat™ Connect is a web-based software that lets users access and manipulate library specific data, without needing a degree in statistics or proficiency in spreadsheets. This simple software can link you not only to the data but also to colorful graphs that powerfully illustrate the information.

The software uses the latest data from the Public Library Data Service (PLDS), the Federal State Cooperative System (FSCS) and Michigan's own annual statistical report. This means that you can compare libraries locally, statewide or nationwide using a vast array of data elements. For each data set, output measures are computed and available for your use.

Since the Library of Michigan has provided access to each library with a unique identification and password, libraries can view their own statistics or make peer comparisons. Comparing statistics of peer libraries can be useful for many reasons, and with Bibliostat™ Connect this information is available at your fingertips. Peers may be selected on any combination of data elements or output measures. Libraries can use a plethora of variables - including income, expenditures, holdings, technology, services, location, class size and more - to find their peers and do multi-tiered comparisons by displaying the data in charts and graphs. The graphs and tables can be manipulated, printed and exported into presentations, all from the Connect product.

*Though this product is already available for your use, the Library of Michigan wants to provide ample training opportunities. A 2-hour hands-on workshop will introduce participants to the Bibliostat™ Connect product and demonstrate ways to conduct meaningful peer comparisons.*

## **Participants will leave with:**

- an understanding of why peer comparisons are valuable
- information and tips to make peer comparisons more valid
- an understanding of variables and data definitions. Specific examples of how each library can use the statistical data to display useful graphical information and to demonstrate the value and/or various needs of their library.

In addition to a free hands-on learning experience, workshop participants will receive "helpful hints" packets to take with them, all while earning .2 Continuing Education Units. Please join us at any of the following locations:

**July 16** – White Pine Library Cooperative, Saginaw  
Session A: 10:00A.M.-12:00P.M., Session B: 1:00-3:00P.M.

**July 23** – Suburban Library Cooperative, Clinton Township  
Session A: 10:00A.M.-12:00P.M., Session B: 1:00-3:00P.M.

**July 25** – The Library Network, Southgate  
10:00A.M.-12:00P.M.

**August 6** – Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative, Paw Paw  
Session A: 9:00-11:00A.M., Session B: 1:00-3:00P.M.

**August 8** – Mid-Michigan Library League, Cadillac  
10:00A.M.-12:00P.M.

**August 13** – Northland Library Cooperative, Alpena  
10:00A.M.-12:00P.M.

**August 15** – Woodlands Library Cooperative, Albion  
1:30P.M.-3:30P.M.

**August 21** – Mid-Peninsula Library Cooperative, Kingsford  
10:00A.M.-12:00P.M.

**August 22** – Superiorland Library Cooperative at Peter White Public Library, Marquette  
10:00A.M.-12:00P.M.

**August 23** – Hiawathaland Library Cooperative,  
Sault Ste. Marie  
10:00A.M.-12:00P.M.

## **Dates & times to be determined for the following locations:**

Lakeland Library Cooperative, Grand Rapids  
Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative, Flint

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## Your Comments on the First Five Years of LSTA in Michigan

Staff at the Library of Michigan and an outside evaluator have been gathering your feedback from around the state in order to evaluate the way we have administered the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program in Michigan. We are now in the final year of our first five-year plan for LSTA and will be drafting a new five-year plan to be submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) by the end of July.

Thanks to your feedback from the “On the Road with the Library of Michigan and Friends” program in October 2001, and the WJSchroer Company independent evaluation, we now have a good amount of data upon which to base the new five-year plan. Here are some of your comments...

### We Asked:

Currently, LSTA funding coming into the state is distributed approximately 60% toward support of AccessMichigan and other statewide projects and 40% toward competitive grants. Is this a good percentage mix?

### You Answered:

The 60%-40% mix has been working well, the majority responded. There was general agreement that the statewide projects reach the most people. A number were in favor of using 100% of the LSTA funds toward advancement of the ATLAS statewide resource-sharing project.

There were suggestions of offering a small grant program similar to the Internet grants, which were successful and popular. There were also comments in favor of requiring a minimum number of libraries to collaborate on any particular project. Several of you commented on the positive aspect of collaboration within the community, which happens with the individual grants.

Comments in favor of individual grants tended to focus on the innovation and creativity fostered by this process and the fear that this may be lost without the individual grant program.

### We Asked:

What should happen if LSTA funding is decreased?

### You Answered:

There was an overwhelming response that AccessMichigan has provided truly statewide service and that most libraries in Michigan could not provide this to patrons otherwise. The majority of you said that if something had to go, make sure it was **not** AccessMichigan.

### We Asked:

What should happen if state money that pays the AccessMichigan balance were to be decreased?

### You Answered:

The consensus among respondents was that the AccessMichigan program is one of the most successful things we have done with LSTA funding. Several commented on the need for AccessMichigan to be paid entirely thru state funding, since LSTA funding is only meant to be seed money

to “kick start” a project. If the state money were to decrease, this would be extremely problematic. Because of the strong feelings about the need to continue AccessMichigan, the conclusion was that if state money cannot pay for it, then as many LSTA dollars as are necessary should be spent to keep AccessMichigan running.

### We Asked:

Are you in favor of a requirement for a local cash match for LSTA grants?

### You Answered:

Most felt that the smaller the library, the harder to get the local cash match. But many felt that a match was a good idea in order to leverage the LSTA dollars and to get more local buy-in, support, creativity and good public relations. There were several comments that there should be a cash match requirement for automation projects.

There was concern raised regarding the ongoing support of a project, since LSTA is meant to provide seed money as a “kick start” for projects that otherwise would take much longer to get started.

There was a suggestion that projects requesting over a particular amount of funding be required to have a local cash match but that for smaller projects, this should not be required. The thought behind this is that the smaller libraries do not have the staff resources to “pound the pavement,” and the communities often do not have the funds to support library service.

### We Asked:

What have you always wanted to tell LM about LSTA?

### You Answered:

Some commented that there is too much focus on technology in the LSTA program, while others said we should make a concerted effort to bring all libraries “up to speed” with technology and the ability to participate in statewide resource sharing. Some felt that training centers need to be refurbished statewide, and everyone agreed on the need for improved telecommunications.

You are concerned about fairness and equity of distribution in the individual grant program, but overall you liked the changes made to the FY 2002 program, such as the use of peer reviewers and the inclusion of the score sheet in the grant handbook. Many of you commented about the benefit of acquiring grant-writing skills.

*There is much more evaluative information available on the Library of Michigan Web site [libraryofmichigan.org/lsta/lsta.html](http://libraryofmichigan.org/lsta/lsta.html), where we have posted the final report from the WJSchroer Company study. We welcome further comments from you as we go forward! Please direct feedback, suggestions and general comments regarding the LSTA program to:*

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### Harper Woods Public Library Sponsors Performing Arts Workshop

Drama students from five high schools attended a unique performing arts workshop sponsored by the Harper Woods Public Library in February. The workshop, held at Harper Woods High School, was led by the Wayne State University Theatre Department and funded by a grant from the Metro Detroit Book and Author Society. Students got hands-on training about topics such as stage design, Shakespeare, comedy techniques, voice and motion, auditioning and improvisation.

In addition to the workshop, the library used the rest of the grant to purchase the 60 CD BBC sound effects library.

### Pennies for the Pantry at the Briggs Public Library

It makes "cents" to share the love of reading! The Briggs Public Library in St. Johns is collecting pennies throughout the year, starting on Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 2002 and ending on February 12, 2003. The money collected will be donated to the Baby Pantry to purchase children's books. Located in St. John's, the Baby Pantry provides food, clothing and special items for infants and toddlers in need.

In the children's area of the library, *Lincoln the Centipede* is helping track the growth of donations each month. Senator Valde Garcia and Clifford the Big Red Dog have helped in the effort so far, and residents of all ages have brought in tins or jars of pennies they had been collecting.

### Bird Watching at the Brighton District Library

The Livingston Land Conservancy (LLC) is sponsoring a bird identification project at the Brighton District Library. A bird feeding station has been set up directly west of the main reading room, where the LLC maintains a wetlands conservation area. By consulting the available bird books, library patrons can fill out a chart identifying the date, birds seen, weather conditions and outside temperature. Binoculars are provided for ease of identification. Most recently, sandhill cranes have been seen in the immediate area, providing a note of excitement.

### Genesee District Library Opens Innovative Mall Branch

Genesee District Library (GDL) will open its nineteenth location in the Genesee Valley Center Mall in early June. The remarkable thing about this venture is not its setting, as libraries have operated out of shopping centers for years, but how it differs from a traditional library. At GDL's newest location, the ratio of print to electronic items will be approximately 20% to 80% - a far cry from the standard mix of materials. The configuration will include computers outfitted with adaptive technology for adults and children. The library will offer many out-of-state newspapers, as well as a complimentary morning coffee service.

Many interesting programs are in the works, including a brown bag lunch music series and author signings. Employees, easily identifiable by their GDL logo shirts, will be on hand to point with their feet instead of their hands to deliver top-notch service.

### Otsego County Library Launches "Lifelong Link"

The Otsego County Library in Gaylord has begun a pilot project called "Lifelong Link" to serve individuals who are unable to visit the library due to physical limitations. Library materials - including regular and large print books, videos, compact discs and audiocassettes - are delivered, on a monthly basis, to an assisted living retirement village and a traditional nursing care facility.

The library plans to expand this outreach to include additional agencies serving this population and, as the program develops and resources allow, hopes to move beyond group settings to provide service to individuals in their homes.



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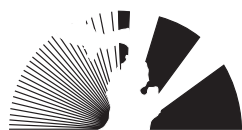
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